

FRAZER, PA—Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07) spoke at a meeting of the Chester County Managers Consortium on April 14, 2009, at the Sheraton Hotel in Frazer, Pa. The Congressman spoke to the group of approximately twenty township managers about support for municipalities in the stimulus bill.

“We acted as boldly and quickly as possible in the face of this economic storm to pass the stimulus bill, which contains much-needed support for our local governments,” said Congressman Sestak. “None of the \$787 billion in the Recovery Act was earmarked for a specific project—that means the funding is available, but our local government officials need to know how to fight for it, and they need to act quickly. That’s why I produced a comprehensive Resource Directory for the stimulus, which my staff continues to update; hosted the Business Procurement Summit to provide answers about the stimulus and put local leaders in direct contact with federal officials; and continue to meet with municipal leaders and organizations like this one. We’re going to overcome these economic challenges, and we’re going to do it by working together—public and private and all levels of government.”

Full details of the provisions to support local governments in H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, are available on the Congressman’s Web site, www.sestak.house.gov. Also available on the Web site is a comprehensive Recovery Act Resource Guide, updated weekly, to provide municipalities, businesses, and organizations detailed information about how to able for funding the Recovery Act.

Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of “Deep Blue,” the Navy’s anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the “Global War on Terrorism.” He served as President Clinton’s Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.

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